

KENTUCKY PERIODIC WATERFOWL INVENTORY

7 January 2013

Lower Ohio River and Western Coalfield (Route A)

Surveyor: Thomas Young

	Dabblers	Divers	Total Ducks	Canada geese	White-fronted geese	Snows/Blues	Coots	Eagles
Ohio R. (Owensboro - Green River)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio R. (Green River - Henderson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio R. (Henderson - Sloughs WMA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio R. (Sloughs WMA - Diamond Island)	12485	0	12485	602	8200	16000	100	3
Ohio R. (Sauerheber Refuge - Uniontown & GPPL & JHHC)	35	0	35	0	0	0	0	4
Ohio R. (Uniontown - Shawneetown)	30	0	30	0	0	0	0	2
Ohio R. (Shawneetown - Tradewater R.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio R. (Tradewater R. - E. end of Hurricane Isl.)	25	0	25	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio R. (E. end of Hurrican Isl. - Golconda)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hovey Lake WMA in Indiana	4565	0	4565	25	0	0	150	3
Pond River - White City WMA	972	5	977	300	0	0	150	2
Tradewater River	3320	0	3320	25	0	0	0	1
Peabody Coal Property	1345	260	1605	705	0	0	75	0
Totals	22777	265	23042	1657	8200	16000	475	16
	Dabblers	Divers	Total Ducks	Canada geese	White-fronted geese	Snows/Blues	Coots	Eagles

Western Kentucky Purchase Region (Route B)

Surveyor: Pat Hahs

	Dabblers	Divers	Total Ducks	Canada geese	White-fronted geese	Snows/Blues	Coots	Eagles
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Bayou De Chien	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Obion Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mississippi River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mayfield Creek	35	0	35	0	0	0	0	0
Reelfoot NWR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ballard	61675	2000	63675	15	1545	5700	0	0
Boatwright WMA	14720	60	14780	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio R. (Wickliffe - Paducah)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio R. (Paducah - Golconda)	1172	10	1182	0	0	0	0	0
Barkley Lake (North of 68)	1585	1955	3540	10	0	0	0	0
Barkley Lake (South of 68)	80	100	180	0	0	0	0	0
Duck Island	340	0	340	150	0	0	0	0
Kentucky Lake	120	585	705	0	0	0	1385	0
Kaler Bottoms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Birdsville Island	1418	0	1418	0	0	0	0	0
Doug Travis WMA	3160	0	3160	0	0	0	0	0
Obion Creek (Travis Slough tract)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Obion Creek (L.E. Schaaf tract)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	84305	4710	89015	175	1545	5700	1385	0
	Dabblers	Divers	Total Ducks	Canada geese	White-fronted	Snows/Blues	Coots	Eagles

Temperatures seasonable. Protected and/or shallow areas had generally light ice conditions.

Species composition is generally what one would expect in early January, although there have been some hunter reports of occasional wood ducks in the bag. The dominant species is the mallard, while some green-winged teal, pintail, and gadwall were noted. A majority of the Kentucky and Barkley lake birds were scaup with a notable percentage of goldeneye.

Overall, water conditions are low within the tributaries to the big rivers.

Rough River, Yellowbank (Route C)

Surveyor: Thomas Young

	Dabblers	Divers	Total Ducks	Canada geese	White-fronted geese	Snows/Blues	Coots	Eagles
Rough River	0		0	12				
Yellowbank WMA	2625		2625	100				
Ohio R. (Brandenburg to Owensboro)	0		0					4
	2625	0	2625	112	0	0	0	4
	Dabblers	Divers	Total Ducks	Canada geese	White-fronted	Snows/Blues	Coots	Eagles

Central and Eastern Kentucky

Surveyors: Rocky Pritchert & John Brunjes

	Dabblers	Divers	Total Ducks	Canada geese	White-Fronted geese	Snows/Blues	Coots	Eagles
Herrington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cedar Creek	107	17	124	44	0	0	1342	0
Cumberland	299	63	362	145	0	0	0	0
Dale Hollow	232	357	589	0	0	0	665	1
Barren R.	37	0	37	0	0	0	25	1
Green R.	191	94	285	0	0	0	32	0
Taylorsville	78	3	81	0	0	0	0	0
Central OH R.	1103	26	1129	3546	0	0	0	0
Blue Grass	1020	60	1080	475	0	0	0	0
Licking River South	135	0	135	0	0	0	0	0
Cave Run Lake	369	10	379	185	0	0	200	0
Grayson Lake	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Yatesville Lake	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio River-Ashland to Scioto R.	104	0	104	153	0	0	0	0
Scioto River	602	0	602		0	0	0	0
Ohio River (Scioto R. to Licking R.)	1568	20	1588	600	0	2	0	2
Licking River North	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0
Campbell County Lake	0	0	0	225	0	0	0	0
Kincade Lake	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0
Totals	5852	650	6502	5445	0	2	2264	4
	Dabblers	Divers	Total Ducks	Canada geese	White-fronted	Snows/Blues	Coots	Eagles

Notes from John Brunjes....

This is the report for the mid-winter waterfowl survey for north-eastern Kentucky conducted on Jan 7, 2013. The flight was conducted in mostly clear skies with light winds most of day. There was fog and heavy haze early in the day. Temperatures were close to freezing in the morning and warmed up into the 40's during the day.

Weather has been warmer than seasonal for most of this hunting season. In spite of on this season's below average rainfall, water was available across the landscape. Shallow water was and large lakes were free of ice except in the North Kentucky area where Campbell County Park Lake was mostly frozen. The Ohio and other rivers were completely free of ice. Cave Run Lake appeared to be at or slightly below winter pool

levels. The Shallow flats area was exposed but few birds were present. The Ohio River was well below normal levels.

Waterfowl numbers were generally average to below average for this time of year. There was a decided lack of diversity of duck species and Canada goose numbers were down. The most abundant dabbling duck was mallards (2,859). Black duck (851) was the second most abundant puddle duck followed by Gadwall (115) with no other dabbling ducks being observed. The normal concentrations of Gadwall were not present on Cave Run Lake. Divers were rare and widely scattered. There were lots of hooded mergansers with 450 being observed. Canada goose numbers were below average with 1,710 being observed.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and it looks like 2013 is starting out well! As always, with cold temperatures, please be careful while spending time around water in the great outdoors!!!

Notes from Rocky Pritchert....

Now at mid-season. Waterfowl hunting reported mixed with few new ducks reported in the area. Most of the birds observed were in areas away from hunters.

A strong cold front move through the state on the first week of January. The region received between 2 - 4 inches of snow depending upon location. Night time temperatures fell into the upper teens with daytime highs barely above freezing.

We anticipated some movement of new birds into the state as a result of this most recent weather front. But it did not appear to be the case as reflected by this count. 25 % higher than for the mid-winter 2011 survey. Canada goose numbers also are the highest observed to date and are similar to the 2011 mid-winter count.

Duck and goose season are open. Observed hunters on Cedar Creek, Barren River Reservoir and the Ohio River.

Crop harvest 100% complete on private lands.